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**ROBUST SUMMARY****PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL ELEMENTS**

- 1) MELTING POINT                      -30°C  
2) BOILING POINT                      54-56°C  
3) VAPOUR PRESSURE                  <2torr @ 25°C

**REFERENCES**

Coover, H.W., Dreifus, D.W., and O'Connor, J.T., in Handbook of Adhesives, Irving Skeist editor, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1990.

**4) PARTITION COEFFICIENT**

TEST SUBSTANCE:    Loctite Super Bonder 420. (Ethyl cyanoacrylate >99%)  
Remarks              This is typical of monomeric ethyl cyanoacrylate as produced.  
METHOD                OPPTS 830.7550  
GLP (Y/N)               Yes  
Year(study performed) 2002  
Temperature            25°C

**RESULTS**

Log Pow Not determined. No ethyl cyanoacrylate could be detected in the water phase.

**Remarks**

Determination of the partition coefficient was attempted using EPA OPPTS method 830.7550. When the ethyl cyanoacrylate standard solution in n-octanol was being prepared, a white precipitate was observed. This was anticipated because of the long recognized sensitivity of cyanoacrylate esters towards trace quantities of nucleophiles including water, which promote rapid polymerization of the cyanoacrylate esters. The various n-octanol/cyanoacrylate mixtures were intimately contacted with water as required by the protocol for OPPTS 830.7550. Following centrifugation, the concentration of cyanoacrylate in each liquid phase was measured by reverse phase HPLC according to OSHA Method 55. No cyanoacrylate ester could be detected in any of the separated aqueous samples (Detection limit established as 2 µg/ml).

**CONCLUSIONS**

The partition coefficient for ethyl cyanoacrylate cannot be determined due to its ready polymerization in the presence of moisture.

**DATA QUALITY**

Reliabilities            1

**REFERENCES**

Unpublished study, Datachem Laboratories, 2002



#### 5) WATER SOLUBILITY

TEST SUBSTANCE: Loctite Super Bonder 420  
(Ethyl cyanoacrylate >99%)

Remarks This is typical of monomeric ethyl cyanoacrylate as manufactured.

METHOD OSHA Method 55

GLP (Y/N) Yes

Year (Study performed) 2002

RESULTS The study (OPPTS 830.7550) previously described to determine the octanol /water partition coefficient established that due to its tendency to polymerize rapidly on contact with moisture, the actual water solubility of ethyl cyanoacrylate is negligible (< 2µg/ml).

#### DATA QUALITY

Reliabilities 1

REFERENCES Unpublished study, Datachem Laboratories, 2002.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FATE AND PATHWAY ELEMENTS

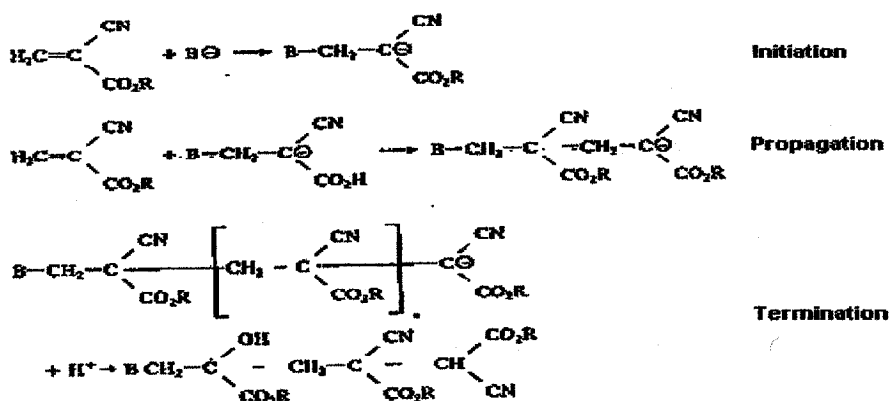
### 6) PHOTODEGRADATION

Theoretical modeling of the photodegradation of methyl 2-cyanoacrylate is reported in the National Toxicology Program's peer reviewed Hazardous Substance Database (HSDB). Based on the similarity in structure, its conclusions are applicable to ethyl 2-cyanoacrylate. It was estimated that vapor phase methyl 2-cyanoacrylate will be degraded in the atmosphere by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals; the half-life for this reaction in air was estimated to be 5 days. It is unclear if this model takes into account the reactive nature of the molecule.

Cyanoacrylate esters are very reactive monomers that rapidly polymerize upon exposure to moisture. In the atmosphere and in biological systems, the available hydroxyl ions initiate rapid polymerization of ethyl cyanoacrylate monomer. The necessity to include polymerization inhibitors in the production distillation system further illustrates the reactive nature of the molecule.

The mechanism of polymerization is provided in Figure 1.

**Figure 1**  
**Mechanism of Ionic Polymerization of Cyanoacrylate Esters**



The propagation rate constant for ethyl cyanoacrylate has been determined to be between  $3 \times 10^5$  and  $6 \times 10^5 \text{ L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  in tetrahydrofuran<sup>1</sup>.

The probability of significant atmospheric releases is further reduced by its manufacture in a closed system and its use and distribution patterns. The largest size in which ethyl cyanoacrylate formulations are distributed in commerce in any significant amount is in one pound (454 g) bottles.

These circumstances make significant atmospheric levels of ethyl cyanoacrylate monomer improbable, and the development of any further data of no practical value.

<sup>1</sup> D.C. Pepper, B. Ryan, Makromol. Chem 395 1983. In Macromol. Rapid Commun. **17**, 217-227, 1996



#### 7) STABILITY IN WATER

The study (OPPTS 830.7550) to determine the water/n-octanol partition coefficient established that ethyl cyanoacrylate has negligible water solubility. This precludes any attempt to measure its stability in water.

#### 8) TRANSPORT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPARTMENTS (FUGACITY)

Because of the reactive nature of ethyl cyanoacrylate monomer and the manner in which it is distributed in commerce, fugacity information is of no practical value.

First, ethyl cyanoacrylate as a specialty chemical is not stored or transported in large containers, hence, significant release into the water supply is unlikely. Storage in the production facility is in 55 gallon drums (ethyl cyanoacrylate as produced), or 15 gallon plastic or metal containers (as formulated adhesives comprising approximately 90% ethyl cyanoacrylate). The most prevalent package size sold into the industrial market is a one-ounce bottle, followed by 20-gram bottle and then a one pound bottle. Small numbers of 2 kilogram bottles are distributed. Product for the consumer market is marketed in 2, 3, and 5 gram packages. Distribution in these small volume units greatly reduces the possibility of significant spills during transportation. Consistent with the package sizes, manufacturing operations utilizing ethyl cyanoacrylate adhesive apply it "by the drop" or as a small bead, thus, the opportunities for a large spill are limited.

Secondly, as previously demonstrated, ethyl cyanoacrylate monomer reacts upon contact with moisture. A stabilizer must be added to the receiving vessel during production to prevent immediate polymerization. Even after being stabilized for commercial purposes, if exposed to the atmosphere the monomer rapidly polymerizes to form an inert solid polymer. It is on this characteristic that the use of ethyl cyanoacrylate as a finger print developer is based. Polymerization occurs independent of the environmental compartment.

Finally, during the period in excess of 30 years that Loctite has been a leading manufacturer and marketer of ethyl cyanoacrylate and ethyl cyanoacrylate based products there has been, to our knowledge, no significant spill into the environment.

Based on the properties and marketing pattern discussed above and its long safe history in commerce, we maintain that development of information on fugacity is of theoretical value only, and is not justified.

#### 9) BIODEGRADATION

Due to the previously described rapid polymerization, ethyl cyanoacrylate monomer does not exist in the environment in sufficient quantities for biodegradation to take place or for persistence to be an issue.



## **ECOTOXICITY ELEMENTS**

10) ACUTE TOXICITY TO FISH

11) TOXICITY TO AQUATIC PLANTS (E.G., ALGAE)

12) ACUTE TOXICITY TO AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES (E.G., DAPHNIA)

There is no practical opportunity for aquatic organisms to be exposed to significant volumes of ethyl cyanoacrylate.

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Based on the combination of these circumstances and that in the period in excess of 30 years that Loctite has been manufacturing ethyl cyanoacrylate products there has been, to our knowledge, no significant spill into the aquatic environment, we maintain that development of aquatic toxicity data is not warranted.



## HEALTH ELEMENTS

### 13) ACUTE TOXICITY

#### A. Oral

##### TEST SUBSTANCE

Depend, IS 04E, Product 495,  
(Ethyl cyanoacrylate >95%,  
polymethyl methacrylate <5%).

##### Remarks

Test material was a commercial adhesive formulation  
representative of the formulations marketed at that time.

##### METHOD

###### Type

Oral LD50 Limit test.

###### GLP (Y/N)

No (GLP introduced in 1978)

###### Year (study performed)

1973

###### Species/Strain

Albino Rats

###### Sex

Male

###### No. of animals per sex per dose

6

###### Vehicle

None

###### Route of administration

Oral intubation

###### Test Conditions.

The initial body weight ranged from 206-246 grams. The  
animals were fasted 18 hours prior to dosing. A single  
dose of 5000mg/kg was administered. Animals were  
observed during the day of dosing and daily thereafter  
for 14 days.

##### RESULTS

###### Value

Oral LD50 >5000mg/kg

###### Number of deaths

1/6

###### Time of death

Day 4

###### Signs of intoxication

Death

###### Gross autopsy findings

Hemorrhagic lungs. Solid mass in stomach not adhered  
to stomach wall but too large to pass through pyloric  
valve. Cardiac portion of stomach distended. Food in  
intestine as in normal rat. One rat had dilated intestinal  
blood vessels.

##### DATA QUALITY

###### Reliabilities

2

###### Remarks

Study not conducted under GLP but essentially the  
same as OECD 401

##### REFERENCES

Acute Oral Toxicity in Rats with Depend, IS 04E, (Product 495), Affiliated Medical Research, Inc.  
Princeton New Jersey, November 15, 1973.



## B. Dermal Toxicity

### TEST SUBSTANCE

04E, Depend, Product 495,  
(Ethyl cyanoacrylate >95%,  
polymethyl methacrylate <5%).

### Remarks

Test material was a commercial adhesive formulation  
representative of the formulations marketed at that time.

### METHOD

#### Type

Dermal LD50 Limit test.

#### GLP (Y/N)

No (GLP introduced in 1978)

#### Year (study performed)

1973

#### Species/Strain

Albino Rabbits New Zealand Strain

#### Sex

Male

#### No. of animals per sex per dose

4

#### Vehicle

None

#### Route of administration

Dermal

#### Test Conditions.

The initial body weight ranged from 2034-2481grams.  
The animals were clipped free of dorsal hair. A single  
dose of 2000mg/kg was applied under rubber dental  
damming held in place with adhesive tape for 24 hours.  
Animals were observed during the day of dosing and  
daily thereafter for 14 days. At which time they were  
sacrificed and examined for gross pathology.

### RESULTS

#### Value

Dermal LD50 >2000mg/kg

#### Number of deaths

0/4

#### Signs of Intoxication

None

#### Gross autopsy findings

Bandages and wrapping were initially bonded to skin,  
however after 14 days bandages were easily peeled off  
exposing a large open sore at site of application.

### DATA QUALITY

#### Reliabilities

2

#### Remarks

Study not conducted under GLP but essentially the  
same as OECD 402

### REFERENCES

Acute Dermal LD50 Test in Rabbits with Depend, IS 04E, (Product 495), Affiliated  
Medical Research, Inc. Princeton New Jersey, December 5, 1973.



### C. Dermal Irritation

#### TEST SUBSTANCE

Depend, Product 495,  
(Ethyl cyanoacrylate >95%,  
polymethyl methacrylate <5%).

#### Remarks

Test material was a commercial adhesive formulation  
representative of the formulations marketed at that time.

#### METHOD

##### Type

Primary Dermal Irritation.

##### GLP (Y/N)

No (GLP introduced in 1978)

##### Year (study performed)

1973

##### Species/Strain

Albino Rabbits New Zealand Strain

##### Sex

Male

##### No. of animals

6

##### Vehicle

None

##### Test Conditions.

Skin on the dorsal surface was shaved free of hair by means of electric clippers. Twelve dorsal test areas were utilized; six were abraded down to, but not through, the dermis, using a hypodermic needle. The remaining test areas were left intact. 1"x1" gauze pads were saturated with 0.5g test liquid and applied to the dermal test areas. The gauze pads were left in place for 24 hours. The test areas were scored for dermal irritation immediately following the 24-hour exposure period and at 72 hours-post exposure, according to the method Draize<sup>1</sup>.

#### RESULTS

The primary Irritation Index was determined to be 0.87.  
The test material is considered a mild irritant.

#### DATA QUALITY

##### Reliabilities

2

##### Remarks

Study not conducted under GLP but essentially the  
same as OECD 404

#### REFERENCES

Primary dermal Irritation of Depend Adhesive in Rabbits (Product 495), Affiliated Medical Research, Inc. Princeton New Jersey, November 7, 1973.

<sup>1</sup> Appraisal of the Safety of Chemicals in Food, Drugs and Cosmetics, Assoc. of Food and Drug Officials of the U.S., Austin Texas, 1959.



**D. Eye Irritation**

TEST SUBSTANCE	Depend, Product 495, (Ethyl cyanoacrylate >95%, polymethyl methacrylate <5%).
Remarks	Test material was a commercial adhesive formulation representative of the formulations marketed at that time.
 METHOD	
Type	Primary Eye Irritation.
GLP (Y/N)	No (GLP introduced in 1978)
Year (study performed)	1973
Species/Strain	Albino Rabbits, New Zealand Strain
Sex	Male
No. of animals	6
Vehicle	None
Test Conditions.	Approximately 0.1ml of the test liquid was introduced into the conjunctival sac of the right eye of each rabbit, the left eye served as an untreated control. The treated eyes were scored against the untreated eye according to the method of Draize <sup>1</sup> at 24, 48, and 72 hours after instillation of test liquid.
 RESULTS	
	The group mean irritation score at 24 hours was 29.33, at 48 hours was 15.33 and at 72 hours was 9.66. According to the Draize evaluation, the test material was considered an irritant to the eye.
 DATA QUALITY	
Reliabilities	2
Remarks	Study not conducted under GLP but essentially the same as OECD 405
 REFERENCES	
	Primary Eye Irritation of Depend Adhesive (Product 495), Affiliated Medical Research, Inc. Princeton New Jersey, November 6, 1973.

<sup>1</sup> Appraisal of the Safety of Chemicals in Food, Drugs and Cosmetics, Assoc. of Food and Drug Officials of the U.S., Austin Texas, 1959.

## E. Acute Inhalation

TEST SUBSTANCE	Superbonder 420, (Ethyl cyanoacrylate >99%)
Remarks	Test material is typical of monomeric ethyl cyanoacrylate as manufactured.
METHOD	
Type	Acute Inhalation
GLP (Y/N)	No (GLP introduced in 1978)
Year (study performed)	1982
Species/Strain	Wistar derived Albino Rats
Sex/No. of animals	5 male, 5 female
Test Conditions	Animals weighing 200-300g were exposed to 1.9g of test material during a 1-hour exposure period. During the first 30 minutes the test material was nebulized into the inhalation chamber after being warmed in a vessel submerged in water at 35-37°C. The temperature of the water bath was decreased to 25°C for the remaining 30 minutes. The concentration was estimated to be 21.11 mg/L/hour determined gravimetrically. Animals were observed for 14 days after exposure.
RESULTS	
Value	Inhalation LC50 <21.11mg/L (4123 ppm)/hour, nominal.
Number of deaths	7/10
Time of death	Days 1,2,2,4,4,3,2
Signs of intoxication	Animals were extremely irritable and showed signs of severe respiratory stress, eye irritation, and skin irritation. Several animals suffered nasal and ocular bleeding during the exposure period.
Autopsy findings	7 animals showed pulmonary, splenic and intestinal hemorrhage. The remaining animal showed pulmonary and intestinal hemorrhage.
Remarks	The dosing level was determined gravimetrically, and it is unclear the extent to which polymerization was taken into account.
DATA QUALITY	
Reliabilities	2
Remarks	Study not conducted under GLP but essentially the same as OECD 403

## REFERENCES

Acute inhalation study Superbonder 420, Ethyl Cyanoacrylate. Product Safety Labs, New Brunswick, NJ. December 14, 1982.

#### 14) GENETIC TOXICITY IN VIVO (CHROMOSOMAL ABERRATIONS)

In 1993 and 1994 The National Toxicology (NTP) program performed four in-vivo cytogenic (micronucleus induction) testing in bone marrow cells. Two studies were performed in male Fischer 344 rats and two in male B6C3F1 mice. Animals were dosed intraperitoneally daily for 3 days at four dose levels ranging from 625 mg/kg to 2500 mg/kg. Cyclophosphamide, (25 mg/kg) was used as a positive control. Samples were taken at 96 hours post dosing in the rat studies and at either 72 or 96 hours in mice studies<sup>1</sup>.

These studies have not been published but it was reported in the Federal Register<sup>2</sup> that "ethyl cyanoacrylate was not mutagenic in rodent bone marrow micronucleus tests."

#### 15) GENETIC TOXICITY *IN VITRO* (GENE MUTATIONS)

The NTP also ran Ames testing on ethyl cyanoacrylate. Testing was performed using two strains. Dose levels ranged between 33 and 10,000 µg/plate, in addition to the zero dosed control. Samples were either without activation, or with activation by 10% hamster liver cells, or 10% rat liver cells<sup>1</sup>.

These studies have not been published but it was reported in the Federal Register<sup>2</sup> that "ethyl cyanoacrylate was not mutagenic in the Ames test."

#### 16) REPEATED DOSE TOXICITY

#### 17) TOXICITY TO REPRODUCTION

#### 18) DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY/TERATOGENICITY

Alkyl cyanoacrylates are among the most reactive monomers known in anionic polymerization. The mechanism of polymerization is described in the discussion on photodegradation. In the atmosphere and in biological systems, available hydroxyl ions initiate rapid polymerization of ethyl cyanoacrylate monomer. This is evidenced by the rapid bonding by instant adhesives comprising predominantly cyanoacrylate esters to skin or any other surface. This property renders ethyl cyanoacrylate a useful adhesive and makes significant exposure to ethyl cyanoacrylate monomer improbable.

As would be anticipated from this chemistry, dosing animals for repeated dose studies is problematic. Ethyl cyanoacrylate was listed by the Interagency Test Committee as a TSCA 4(e) priority chemical. After preliminary work, NTP<sup>3</sup> recommended its removal from the priority list citing "high reactivity of the chemical and the resulting difficulties in implementing the delivery of an effective concentration of the un-polymerized chemical to the test animals". NTP<sup>4</sup> also reported that they were unable to generate a stable aerosol.

The United Kingdom Health and Safety Executive has published a Risk Assessment Document on methyl and ethyl cyanoacrylate<sup>5</sup>. This risk assessment concluded that there are no grounds for concern for carcinogenicity at exposures below the threshold for chronic inflammatory responses in tissues at the site of contact. In addressing reproductive toxicity, they concluded "due to the reactive nature of ethyl cyanoacrylate, little systemic distribution is predicted following exposure by any physiological route. Furthermore, the overall pattern of toxicity data available suggests that the toxicological effects of ethyl cyanoacrylate would be largely restricted to local site of contact effects on the eyes and respiratory tract."

To address concerns that cyanoacrylates including ethyl cyanoacrylate may act as respiratory sensitizers capable of inducing allergic asthma, Loctite Corporation sponsored two studies. The first was a survey to determine the airborne concentrations of cyanoacrylate in a manufacturing plant<sup>6</sup> and the second was an

<sup>1</sup> NTP unpublished results

<sup>2</sup> 60 FR 42987, August 17, 1995.

<sup>3</sup> 60 FR 42982-7, 1995

<sup>4</sup> NTP 1998 Annual report Table 6.

<sup>5</sup> Methyl cyanoacrylate and ethyl cyanoacrylate, Risk assessment document, UK Health and Safety Executive HMSO, Norwich UK, 2000.

<sup>6</sup> Paustenbach, D., et al, Am. Ind. Hyg. Assoc. J., 62, 70-79, 2001.



epidemiological<sup>1</sup> study that investigated the pulmonary effects of repeated occupational exposure to cyanoacrylates. The airborne concentrations determined in the first study provided the basis for the epidemiological study. The epidemiological study provided no evidence that those occupationally exposed to cyanoacrylate vapors during the manufacture and packaging of methyl and ethyl cyanoacrylate adhesives had any chronic pulmonary damage or that ethyl cyanoacrylate acted as a respiratory sensitizer. Subjects who had been exposed for a period of up to 18 years had no increased incidence of pulmonary obstruction compared to an unexposed population. These human exposure data render animal data of little value.

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<sup>1</sup> Goodman M, et al, J. Toxic. & Environ. Hlth Part A , 59, 135-163, 2000.